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H. S. BOYS MAKE GREAT RECORD IN TOURNAMENT

The Farmington High School boys basketball team, accompanied by Coach Dearmont, made a trip to Cape Girardeau last week and participated in the basketball tournament. The boys played six games during the tournament and as will be seen from the statement below they succeeded in winning all but two of them. The two games lost were played with Charleston, who won first place in the tournament, while Farmington received second honors and a beautiful trophy cup. The schedule required that Farmington play six games, while no other contesting team played more than four games. This made Saturday a very trying day on the home boys. They met and defeated the following teams: Poplar Bluff, Festus and Jackson. On Saturday night they were met and defeated by Charleston in the championship final.

The first game the Farmington boys played was with Caruthersville, and was one of merit, both sides seeming to be evenly matched, it taking the last minute to decide the victor. Farmington had the better team work, while Caruthersville had the advantage in weight. The game ended with Farmington 31 points and Caruthersville 25.

Farmington's next game was with Charleston. It seemed at the start of this game that Charleston would walk away with the game, mainly on account of size, but while Farmington had small boys they were active and wary. The score was nip and tuck until the last minute, but Charleston were victors by the margin of 9 points, the score being 36 to 27 in their favor.

The eighth game of the tournament was between Farmington and Poplar Bluff, which seemed to be a walk-away for our boys, the score being 38 to 11 in Farmington's favor.

The game with Festus was a close one, both teams being pretty evenly matched as to size and basketball players, but as the score shows, Farmington was the superior in basketball playing. The final score was 26 to 24 in favor of Farmington.

After defeating Festus we then had to play Jackson, and the winner of this game would play Charleston for the championship. Farmington, although she had played three other games that day, went into the game with the same "pep and vim" as if it were her first that day, and won it by a score of 26 to 18. Farmington now had to play Charleston for the first honors.

The Farmington and Charleston game was a walk-away for Charleston. Our boys had played four games that day, while Charleston had been resting. Farmington was also outweighed by several pounds to the man but clearly had the advantage in team

work, but the brute strength of Copeland and his teammates won the game. The score of this game was 56 to 4 in favor of Charleston, thus giving Charleston first honors and Farmington second.

The final standing of the teams in the tournament was as follows: class "A"—Charleston, first; Farmington, second; Jackson, third; Festus fourth; Poplar Bluff, fifth; Caruthersville, sixth; Flat River and Kennett being the first two teams eliminated under the rules of the tournament, were transferred to class "B".

Class "B"—Flat River, first; Bloomfield, second; Sikeston, third. These three teams were the only ones that reported for the class "B" tournament.

The two leading teams in class "A" and the first team in class "B" were each presented with a handsome silver loving cup.

No athletic team that Farmington ever produced has stood the intense strain that our basketball boys did in the games last Saturday. It was due to the excellent coaching of Prof. Dearmont, and their abstaining from the use of tobacco and other narcotics that made possible their excellent showing in the tournament.

If any high school team ever deserved the recognition of the people of the community it certainly is the team that represented our school in the tournament last week. Their modesty forbids them to approach the public for any favors but a number of their admirers have expressed a desire the boys receive sweaters.

Farmington Must Arouse Herself

Farmington must get busy right now if she is to elect the proper officials to manage the city's affairs during the next two years. Very little interest has as yet been manifested in the approaching city election. Right now Farmington has the brightest prospect for growth and advancement that she has ever had in all her past history.

Shall the wheels of progress be now blocked because her citizenship fails to take sufficient interest in her welfare to assist her in pressing forward to better and greater things? We hope not. In fact, we are thoroughly convinced that such is not the case. Farmington has as great a percentage of energetic and progressive citizens as can be found anywhere. They have only permitted themselves to lapse into a comatose condition with regard to their home city, by reason of the feeling of security they have in it. They must now arouse themselves and look forward to their own best interest and the city's advancement.

Fail to "Get In," But "Get Game"

Sheriff Chas. Adams and Prosecuting Attorney Thos. H. Mathews "accidentally" run into a craps game at Elvins about noon Sunday. The game was in progress in Wm. Montgomery's Restaurant, and the quiet entrance of the Sheriff and Prosecutor apparently hardly created a ripple in the quietude of the affair, until a correct "movie" had been taken of the entire transaction.

Sheriff Adams made his appearance in the doorway of the back room where the game was in progress, with a line of conversation that held the "crappers" in their places, and while they naturally became more or less excited as the realization came over them that the law was upon them, the Sheriff's quiet admonitions held them in their places. It was something like this: "Crowd over, boys and let me in; when do I shoot? Now stay where you are and don't get excited; here, you leave that money on the table or my gaffling gun will get you. Go around on the other side, Tommy, there's room for you. Here! Here! Don't move or get excited. Now, Tommy, you take their names. And remember, boys, we want your right names; those of you that I don't know, Tommy does."

It was in this way that Sheriff Adams pulled off one of the cleverest stunts possible, getting the correct names of ten who were engaged in a craps game, while Prosecutor "Tommy" Mathews secured data of the exact amount of money that was before the various players, without one leaving their "playing" position until all desired information had been secured. There were ten in the game, and the "flashlight" was taken by two small men. After it was all over, Sheriff Adams informed the gamblers that they could go for the present. All this was done without the "flash" of a firearm, though all seemed to realize that Charlie was "loaded."

He and "Tommy" then turned their attention to searching the premises for booze, of which there were indications in the recent craps game. About four barrels of beer were found, and the manner in which they were kept was calculated to give a wrong idea to searchers. There were about 100 bottles in each barrel, the top layer having been removed, that space being filled with "empties," a scheme which has often been successfully used to blind the "law." But such stuff failed with Charlie and "Tommy." They also found empty Old Crow whiskey bottles in abundance, showing that it has been customary to dispense a variegated assortment of drinks at that place, but no whiskey was found.

The evidence secured in this raid will result in about half a dozen State cases being filed, and the best part of it is that convicting evidence is positively in the hands of the officers. This was one of the "neatest" and most successful raids that has been pulled off in St. Francois county, and shows that the "know how" is about nine points in ten of successful accomplishment.

"Lucky Jack" Stock Increased to \$75,000

The Lucky Jack Mining Company, owned principally by Farmington people, has increased its capital stock from \$35,000 to \$75,000. This is done, we are informed, for the purpose of further prospecting, sinking shafts and constructing a first-class mill.

We understand that these people have a very valuable zinc and lead mine in the Miami, Okla., mineral field, and will soon be "out of the woods" and making money. U. S. Grant Evans, former Postmaster here, is Secretary of the company, and is on the ground looking after its interests.

Congressman Walter L. Hensley has been in Miami since March 8th investigating this property and other very extensive and valuable holdings in small mining properties.

Road Overseers Have Good Meeting

A well attended meeting of newly appointed road overseers of St. Francois county was held in the circuit court room last Friday afternoon, in response to a call sent out by County Highway Engineer T. H. Holman.

The purpose of the meeting was to give the overseers instructions for their work, and to discuss plans and methods for road improvement, as well as best methods of collecting poll tax. The County Judges met with the road overseers, and it proved to be a most interesting and profitable meeting for all. Judge Mitchell made a very forceful and exceedingly interesting talk to the overseers, from which many valuable points could be gleaned. Judge Garrett also spoke briefly, bringing out a few points that were not touched on by Judge Mitchell.

PUBLIC SALE

I will sell at public auction, March 24, 1917, on what is known as the Sam B. Herod place, 3 miles northeast of Desloge, the following property: 2 work horses, 26 head of cattle, farming tools, hay, corn, household and kitchen furniture. It will pay you to attend.

LEEMAN COOK,
M. A. PATTERSON, Auctioneer.

Terrible Accident

Sunday morning about 11 o'clock, as Tom Sizemore, of Leadwood, was passing through Flat River on his return home from Farmington, in his big new 5-passenger Case touring car, he reached the sharp turn in the street leading to Desloge, between the Baptist and Christian Churches, just beyond the postoffice, as the street was filled with Sunday School pupils, on their way home. When quite a distance away, Sizemore slowed his machine down to a very slow pace, honking continually, until the children were all apparently out of the street.

But just as he had arrived in front of the Christian Church, with apparently a clear roadway, the little 6-year-old son of George McDowell darted from behind a Ford car, standing at the roadside, and apparently started across the street immediately in front of Sizemore's car, which was still merely moving along. The little one had gotten clear of the machine, when he evidently became frightened and started back, running immediately in front of the machine, when he was struck by a fender and knocked directly under the car. Apparently the front wheels passed without striking him, but a rear wheel passed over his head, crushing it frightfully and killing him instantly.

No blame can possibly attach to Mr. Sizemore for this frightful calamity, as he used every possible precaution from the moment he came within sight of the children in the roadway, loudly sounding his alarm, keeping on the right side of the street and slowing down to not more than five or six miles an hour. Even the unfortunate child's father, who is an engineer in the employ of the Federal Lead Co., said that Mr. Sizemore was in no way responsible for his little son's death.

Still They Come

The following new and renewal subscriptions to The Times have come in the past week:

New Subscribers—Dr. M. H. Topping, John J. Bennett, B. A. Eaton and J. C. Heifer of Flat River; P. H. Gibson of Route 2, Farmington; W. T. Newman of Desloge, Miss Reba Halle of Bonne Terre, Dr. C. W. Shannon of Halifax, Mo., J. A. Castleton of St. Louis, Clifton T. Miller of Wilkinsburg, Pa.

Renewals—R. A. Bequette, Clarence E. Marshall and Dr. J. H. English of Flat River, T. F. O'Bannon of Route 2, I. F. Robinson of Route 6, and J. M. Morris of Farmington; J. L. Goff of Desloge, A. S. Aubuchon of French Village, E. D. Turley of Coffman, M. S. Richards and J. C. Pepin of Farmington.

CELEBRATES FORTY-SIXTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Last Friday, March 9th, was the forty-sixth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Alexander, and they celebrated the occasion with a family dinner. Mrs. Alexander, who was Miss Garrie L. Vance, and Mr. Alexander were both born and reared in St. Francois county, both came of pioneer stock, and were married March 9, 1871.

Mr. Alexander was reared on a farm and has always been interested in that industry and horse breeding, having a penchant for race horses. He has owned and raised some fine goers, which have made their marks on the turf and attracted much attention at the fairs of this and other States. He interested himself in race stock for the pure love of the sport, and was never known to bet on a horse race.

In 1878 he was elected Clerk of the Circuit Court of this county, entering upon the duties of the office in January 1879, and was re-elected for four successive terms, serving in all twenty years. He was one of the most popular officers the county ever had, was everybody's friend, and was too generous in going security and loaning money to impecunious friends for the good of his own pocket book, but notwithstanding he is in comfortable circumstances and owns two or three good farms.

The married life of this genial couple, who have three sons and one daughter, all living, has been ideal in their home relations, and their host of friends hope that many more years are in store for them, and that their golden wedding, now only four years off, may be celebrated with much joy and good will.

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Why Not Be Loyal to Your Own Home

The arrival in Farmington Monday of nineteen mail sacks of Sears-Roebuck catalogues, for distribution from this post office, is a pretty good indication that some citizens living in this community are patronizing mail-order houses. Of course "there is a reason" for this, as there is for everything. Perhaps the most forceful reason for this lamentable condition of affairs is the fact that mail order houses are the best advertisers on earth. Therefore the most apparent antidote for this "mail order disease" would appear to be for the home merchant to wage a relentless fight against these leeches that are sucking the very life-blood from so many localities throughout the length and breadth of this land.

The home merchant has a far better chance to reach the people throughout their trade territory, than has the mail order house. Therefore, it is difficult to see why they should stand idly by and bemoan the "curse of the mail order houses." Live merchants will go zealously to work to forestall and checkmate such conditions, which, in many places, appear to be on the increase. The Times is always ready and willing to fight the mail order octopus, but we can do this in a much better spirit, as well as with greatly increased vim, with a little more assistance from those whom our efforts are intended to most directly benefit. And right here we wish to call attention to "The Times" Buy at Home Department," which has been running for the past several weeks. The articles appearing each week in this department are written by an expert in this particular line. And yet, even in view of the small cost called for to be represented therein, we would ask special attention of our readers to the many local business men whose names do not appear in that department.

Now the facts are that customers can do practically as well, even insofar as the price is considered, by trading with the home merchant as by sending to one of the big mail order houses. But this should be one of the least of several considerations that occur to us in favor of patronizing the home merchant. The money that you keep at home may return to you, over and over again; while the money you send to the mail order house is gone from you, never to return. Then, too, the home merchant is always willing to accommodate you with credit, providing you are responsible. But it is cash in advance with the mail order houses. However, should you be in a position that you would never desire credit, then for the good of your own home community it would be to your infinite advantage, in the long run, to spend your money in your home community, where you and your neighbors will continue to get the benefit of it.

Notice it wherever you may, the facts are that the liveliest and best communities are those into which the smallest amount of goods from mail order houses are received. To all lovers of their homes The Times would sound the warning: Beware of sending your money to mail order houses.

Nationals Defeat DeSoto Y Team

In one of the fastest and hottest contested games ever played on the Flat River court, the National defeated the DeSoto Y. M. C. A. basketball team by the narrow margin of one point, the score being 25 to 24.

At the start of the game the teams battled for five minutes before either team scored, and then Captain Mitchell of National "broke the ice" with a splendid shot for the first score of the game. The first half was rough, several fouls being ignored by the referee. The half ended with the score 13 to 7 in favor of the Nationals.

The last half was even rougher than the first, with both teams battling harder and DeSoto coming back strong, and after 15 minutes of playing were in the lead by one point. The teams played on even terms for four minutes, when Captain Mitchell again came through with a field goal, putting the Nationals in the lead by one point, which DeSoto could not overcome in the last of playing, owing to the excellent guarding of McManus and Dinkins.

There were no outstanding stars on the National team, each man deserving much credit. Captain Mitchell made a good showing, scoring 15 points of the 25 scored during the game. Newcomb scored 8 and Dinkins 2. McManus played a fine game as left guard, holding Brown, DeSoto's crack forward, to one field goal. For DeSoto Long and Lovett starred scoring 8 points each.

National has but one more game to play and should they win it they will have the record of nine games won and two lost for the season, which is undoubtedly a good record and is one they can boast of.

The line-up and points scored by each player is as follows: National—Mitchell, r. f., 15 points; Schneider, l. f.; Newcomb, c., 8 points; Dinkins, r. g., 2 points; McManus, l. g.; DeSoto—Long, r. f., 8 points; Brown, l. f., 6 points; Lovett, c., 8 points; Mann, r. g., 2 points; Irwin, l. g.

C. R. Prather, of Flat River, Coroner of St. Francois county, was in Farmington Wednesday as a witness in the case of State vs. Charlie Harris, accused of murder. The case was postponed to the 23rd inst.

Hearing Postponed

The preliminary examination of Charlie Harris, charged with the murder of Aaron Talent at a dance in Elvins about a month ago, was called for hearing Wednesday morning before Squire J. P. Zolman. But no sooner was the first witness called than trouble started among the lawyers in the case. This resulted in a change of venue being asked by F. A. Benham. The change was granted and the case was sent to Squire Wm. Good, who at once announced in open court that all witness should report at 1 o'clock the same day.

When the case was called at 1 o'clock, the attorney for the defense stated that his associate in the case, B. H. Boyer, was unable to be present owing to injuries he recently received in an auto accident, and asked for a continuance of the case. The grounds appearing to be plausible, Justice Good continued the hearing to the 23rd inst. The defendant was taken back to jail to await the result of the preliminary hearing, when it will also be determined whether or not it is a bailable case.

Prepare for Most Good From Oiling

Now that preparations have already been made for securing oil to be used on the streets of Farmington this spring, preparations should now be made without further delay for getting the best possible results from such oil. It has long since been demonstrated that oil is the best possible ingredient for the making of good dirt roads. In time it makes a surface absolutely impervious to either rain or wear, and all that is then required for good and permanent roads is a little additional oil each year.

But before the oil is put on each year, the street surfaces should be put in proper condition, as it is too late for such work after the oil has been put on. In this connection, The Times desires to suggest, and even to insist, that there are a number of places in Farmington that should be attended to before our streets are treated to another coat of oil. These places, that should be immediately repaired, are principally chuck holes, street crossings, and similar defects.

Practically all of these impediments are light, and the whole of them could be quickly repaired by a practical road man. We do not own a car, so that there can be nothing selfish in this suggestion. The ground work of these suggestions is solely a desire for an improved Farmington. If these defects are not now effaced, then the work must be put aside for another year.

Bank Statements

Official statements of the three Farmington banks, at the close of business on March 5th, appear in this issue of The Times. A study of these statements will prove to be most pleasing to the depositors and friends of these different institutions, as each of them is shown to be in prosperous condition. The condition of the financial institutions is an accurate forecast of the financial condition of the community they represent. Therefore, these statements are a splendid compliment to this community.

The Times' Magazine Supplement

This week The Times puts on a new feature in the form of a Magazine supplement, and if it is continued it will make its appearance once a month. Whether or not it will be continued depends on how it is received by Times subscribers. In this regard we will appreciate expressions from as many readers, as soon as possible, stating whether or not this supplement will afford them additional pleasure. If the expression is at all general in favor of this supplement, then it will hereafter be made a regular Times feature.

While the sky-scraping price of news print paper has already practically cut all the profit from subscriptions at \$1.00 per year, and while this feature will add considerable to the cost of production of this paper, The Times management is willing to bear this additional cost of production if it will add to the interest of this paper among its subscribers. The contents of this magazine are thoroughly high class, being the product of such authors as Robert W. Chambers, Fletcher Robinson and Randall Parish. If any considerable number of our subscribers indicate that they enjoy this magazine, then it will be made a regular feature of The Times hereafter.

Prospects for Oil

On Wednesday Geo. K. Williams received a telegram from his agent in Tulsa, Okla., stating that two good producing oil wells had just been brought in on land near there, on which Mr. Williams, Lawrence O. Wells, W. T. Halle and Naive Williams hold leases.

These gentlemen are to be congratulated, as good producing oil wells mean even "quicker money," generally speaking, even than mineral, in which these "lucky" Farmingtonians are the fortunate owners of several splendid holdings in the Miami field.

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